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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 257X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company – Abandonment Exemption - in Blackford County, Indiana –
Consent to Extension of NITU

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) consents to the 180-day extension of the interim trail use negotiation period condition with respect to the proposed abandonment of 8.60 miles of NSR railroad line between Milepost RK-130.0 at Converse, Indiana, and Milepost RK-138.60 at Hartford City, Indiana, that is the subject of request by Indiana Trails Fund, Inc. in a letter to the Board, dated March 27, 2006, received in our office on April 10, 2006. NSR has not consummated abandonment of the line.

Yours very truly,

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cc: Richard Vonnegut, President
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